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DEPT FOR A/ SY/ FO, FBO AND AF/ EX FROM RSO. ABIDJAN FOR TSO.

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SUBJECT : PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL

REFERENCE : ( A) CONAKRY 0711

( B) CONAKRY 0728

1. RSO HAS REVIEWED SITUATION OF RESIDENCE AND FULLY AGREES WITH NECESSITY IN REF ( A) OF PROVIDING BARRIERS AROUND RESIDENCE TO INCLUDE PARA 4 OF REF ( A) FOR FRONT AND SIDE. IN EVENT THAT IRON BAR SUPPLY ON LOCAL ECONOMY DOES BECOME NON-EXISTENT, RECOMMEND THAT PERMANENT CONCRETE BLOCK WALL BE CONSTRUCTED, WHICH IN FACT WOULD BE MORE ECONOMICAL AS WELL AS PROVIDING MORE ADEQUATE SECURITY AGAINST PERSONS VIEWING INTERIOR OF RESIDENCE GROUNDS. IN ADDITION TO GRILLING WINDOWS AND GLASS DOORS, ALL AIR CONDITIONER UNITS SHOULD BE GRILLED ON EXTERIOR. FIRE ESCAPE SHOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED.

2. FRONT DOOR OF RESIDENCE IS NOT ONLY BADLY CRACKED BUT OFFERS ABSOLUTELY NO SECURITY AGAINST FORCEFUL INTRUSION. RECOMMEND THAT ENTIRE DOOR BE REPLACED WITH SOLID WOOD DOOR TO INCLUDE SHEET METAL " SANDWICHED" BETWEEN EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR PANELS. VIEWING DEVICE WILL BE REINSTALLED IN NEW DOOR.

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3. RESIDENCE MASTER BEDROOM WOULD BE CONSIDERED SAFEHAVEN FOR AMBASSADOR AND WIFE IN EVENT OF INTRUSION BY PERSONS BENT UPON HOSTILE ACTION. APPROPRIATE LOCKING DEVICES WILL BE INSTALLED HOWEVER, DOOR IS WEAK AND SHOULD BE REINFORCED TO INCLUDE " SANDWICH" OF SHEET METAL.

4. RSO HAS INSPECTED ALL HOUSES OF POST AMERICAN PERSONNEL PER REF ( B) AND IS DEFINITELY IN AGREEMENT THAT GRILLS MUST BE INSTALLED. EACH HOUSE WAS ALSO INSPECTED FOR POTENTIAL FAMILY SAFEHAVEN IN EVENT OF HOSTILITIES. APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING MADE TO POST PSO.

5. ( FOR A/ SY/ FO) DUE TO STOCK SHORTAGE ABIDJAN, RSO WOULD APPRECIATE FOLLOWING ITEMS SHIPPED FROM DEPT DIRECT TO CONAKRY ON PRIORITY BASIS:

A. FOR AMBASSADOR RESIDENCE - SIX (6) DOOR CHAINS WITH BATTERY POWERED ALARMS. TWO DOZEN (24) EXTRA BATTERIES. SIX (6) STANDARD DOOR CHAINS. SIX (6) DEAD- BOLTS. TWO (2) STANDARD DOOR VIEWERS.

B. FOR HOMES OF POST AMERICAN PERSONNEL - DEAD BOLTS - 32, YALE 197 LOCKS - 12, YALE 197-1/4 LOCKS - 6, DOOR CHAINS - 8, DOOR CHAINS W/ BATTERY ALARM - 24, EXTRA BATTERIES FOR CHAIN ALARM - FIVE (5) DOZEN, PRESSURE CAN HORNS ( BOAT TYPE) - 40.

6. ( FOR TSO ABIDJAN) REQUEST PLACE CONAKRY ON TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR ALARM INSTALLATION SURVEY OF AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. FYI - POST WILL PROVIDE 2 ND FLOOR SWITCH ( OUTSIDE AMB SUITE CHANCERY) AS ADDITIONAL ACTIVATION POINT FOR EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEM.

7. IN SUMMARY, AN OVERALL EVALUATION OF THE " THREAT" AGAINST AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN GUINEA IS OF THREE CATEGORIES:

A. THEFT/ BURGLARIES AS REFERRED TO IN REF ( B), AFTER WHICH ASSISTANCE DOES NOT EXIST FROM GOG.

B. TERRORIST ACTION MOUNTED AGAINST US PERSONNEL BY NON-GUINEA ELEMENTS. POLITICALLY RSO DOES NOT VIEW THIS AS AN IMMEDIATE THREAT HOWEVER AN ISOLATED ACTION BY UNCONTROLLED INDIVIDUALS INSPIRED BY RECENT RADIO ALGIERS STATEMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MUST NOT BE DISCOUNTED FOR CONAKRY.

C. DISRUPTION OF INTERNAL SECURITY BY ANY MEANS WOULD POST A THREAT. GOG MILITARY FORCES TO AID US PERSONNEL WILL NOT LOGICALLY EXIST. OUR PERSONNEL MUST THEREFORE BE READY TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES WHETHER IN THE CHANCERY OR THEIR PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

RSO BELIEVES THAT WITH APPROVAL BY DEPT OF REF ( A) AND ( B)

TO INCLUDE INSTALLATION OF ITEMS IN THIS MESSAGE  
AND POST ADHERENCE TO SY GUIDANCE FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL  
THAT SECURITY AND MORALE WILL BE GREATLY ENHANCED IN  
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